

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. An airfield is located about 4 kilometers northeast of Zatec (N 50-20, E 13-33) along the southern side of the Postoloprty-Vysocany road. Some airmen's billets, offices of the Severostav enterprise, and airfield administrative buildings are on the northern side of the road. Along the southern side of a branch road which diverts from the Postoloprty-Vysocany highway and leads to Stankovice, a wire net fence is under construction. In early December 1953 only about 1.5 km. of the fence was completed. 25X1
2. The concrete runway runs from east to west and is about 3 kilometers long and 100 meters wide. A concrete taxi strip, 5 meters wide, surrounds the runway. On the northern side of the west end of the runway, in front of the hangar, is a concrete apron large enough for 5 jet aircraft. Also on the northern side of the runway, about 800 m. from its eastern end is a taxi strip where training aircraft are parked. A taxi strip in the southern part starts 1 kilometer from the east end of the runway and leads up to the hangar. There are two hangars for jet aircraft at the airfield. The smaller one is located on the northern side of the west end of the runway. Inside this hangar is supposed to be an elevator for lowering the aircraft into an underground hangar. The larger hangar is located on the southern side of the runway, about 1 kilometer from its eastern end. It was built in 1949-51. Several auxiliary hangars are located on the northern side of the runway, about 800 m. from the eastern end. Aircraft of Cap, Baby Praga, and similar types are parked inside. These hangars are made of canvas supported by metal tubing.
3. The airforce unit at Zatec Airfield is about 150 men strong. Most of the men are accommodated in billets on the southern side of the Postoloprty-Vysocany road. An unknown number of PTP (Auxiliary Technical Battalion) men working at the building sites are employed at the airfield. On the northern side of the Bitoveves-Stankovice road are three huts in which an infantry unit is supposed to be billeted.
4. Staff Captain ADAM (fmu) [redacted], is the officer responsible for supply and administrative matters. He controls movement of workers on the airfield and issues permits to enter the site. 25X1

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5. Twenty MIG-15 aircraft and five training aircraft of the Cap, Baby Praga and similar types were observed before August 1953. In August 1953 about 60 MIG-15 aircraft from the direction of Podborany (N 50-14, E 13-25) landed at the airfield.
6. Training flights take place every day regardless of weather conditions. Flights are made in the vicinity of the airfield and last approximately one hour. Gunnery exercises are performed two or three times weekly. A wind sleeve (approximately the size of a fighter-plane fuselage) is employed as a target. It is towed by a twin-engine aircraft on a 500-meter cable. MIG-15's attack the target from the side and shoot it into pieces within a few minutes.
7. The radio station is located on the southern side of the road Bitozeves-Stankovice and on the western side of the Minice-Stankovice road. The system of aeriels consists of four poles 10 meters high arranged in a square. The poles are secured to the ground by guy wires. Aerials are fixed between the poles in all directions. The horizontal part of the aerial is made of double-spaced wire. The aerials lead into small huts which are fenced off and guarded. On the Postoloprty-Vysocany road to the west of the crossing of the Minice-Stankovice road is a large farm called Novy Dvur; close to it are aerials leading into the farm building. Farm workers employed here are allowed to go into the fields only under military supervision.
8. A single-rail track runs along the southern side of the Postoloprty-Vysocany road from Postoloprty to the airfield store rooms.
9. In the eastern corner of the airfield is a gun with a barrel three meters long and rubber-tired wheels. Nearby is a small hut which is permanently guarded.
10. Guards are placed alongside the airfield at 500 m. intervals. They are camouflaged in bushes or in dugouts so that they cannot be spotted from the highway. Several notices warning passers-by not to stop are displayed alongside the airfield.

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Legend to the sketch:

- 1 - Main entrance to the airfield
- 2 - Electric transformer, for the use of the airfield only
- 3 - Kitchen and mess hall for the ranks
- 4 - 2 two-story buildings under construction, 20x20 m. each
- 5 - Billets for PTP, 3 wooden huts
- 6 - Supply depot, brick, 300x15 m.; the railroad track leads to it
- 7 - Offices of civilian building enterprises Severostav, Vodotechna, Plynotechna, located in temporary wooden huts
- 8 - Gasoline and oil pumps
- 9 - Same as #7
- 10 - Boiler house, under construction
- 11 - HQ offices of the airforce unit, 4 brick huts, 30x12 m. each
- 12 - Temporary workshops in tents; the tents, 15x10 m. and 6 m. high, are equipped with lathes, planing machines, drills
- 13 - Canvas hangars, 15x10 m., 6 m. high, and apron for training aircraft
- 14 - Billets and dining room for infantry unit; 3 wooden huts, 15x8 m. Also some tents in the vicinity
- 15 - Southern entrance to the airfield from the Bitozeves-Zatec road
- 16 - Motor pool of the airfield transport facilities
- 17 - Sand pit
- 18 - Hangar, brick, arched metal roof, 60x10 m.
- 19 - Apron 40 m. wide, connecting the hangar with the runway
- 20 - Runway, concrete, 100 m. wide, 3 km. long
- 21 - Hangar, brick, arched metal roof, 30x30 m.; underground hangars are supposed to be underneath
- 22 - Taxi strip along the runway, concrete, 5 m. wide

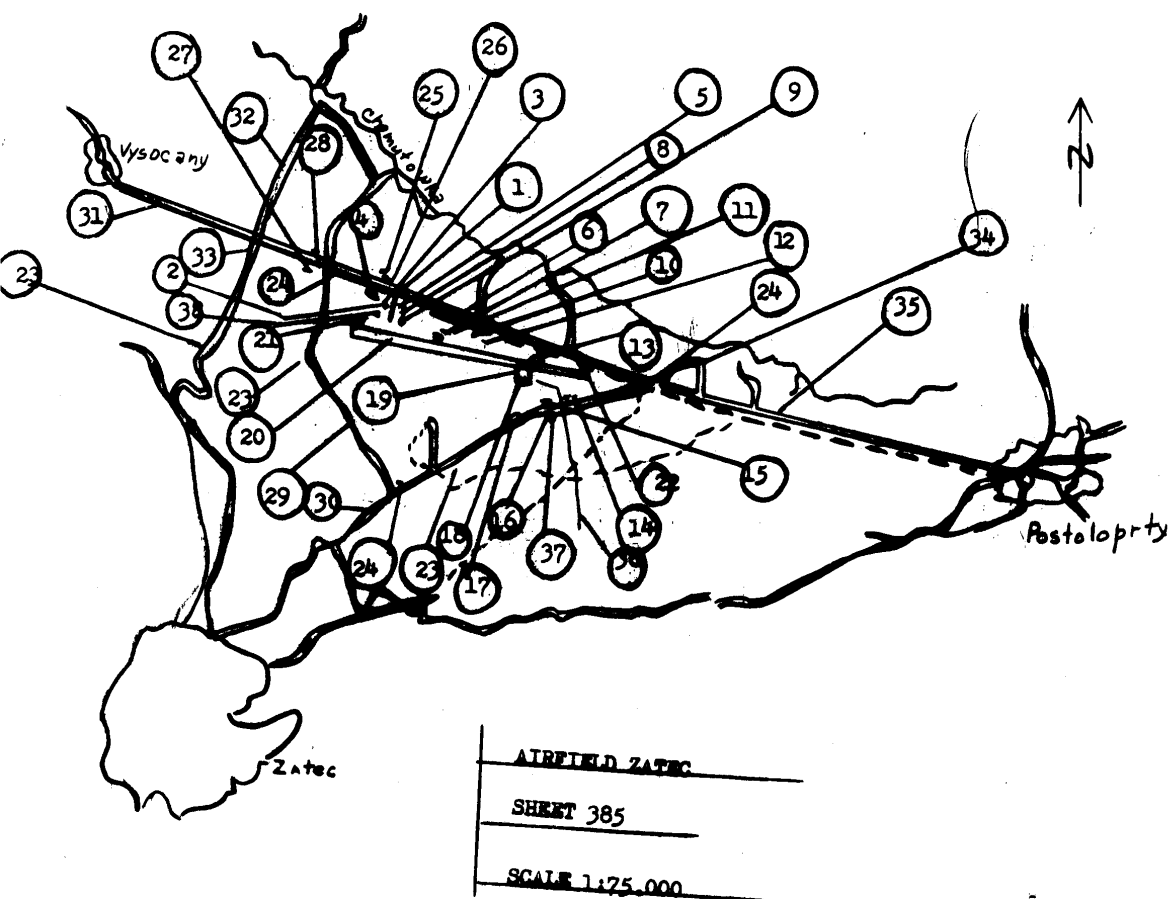
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- 23 - Radio station, a wooden hut, 20x8 m., and aerials
- 24 - Warning signs for passers-by
- 25 - Airforce billets, 2 wooden huts 30x12, housing about 120 airmen
- 26 - Offices of the Severostav enterprise and the military labor administration; 2 wooden huts, 30x15 m.
- 27 - Former inn, now occupied by troops
- 28 - Former farm buildings, now military billets
- 29 - Field road, closed to civilian traffic
- 30 - Asphalt road to Zatec
- 31 - Asphalt road Vysocany-Chomutov
- 32 - Road to Most
- 33 - Road to Zatec
- 34 - Road to Biteseves
- 35 - Road to Postoloprty
- 36 - Field path toward Levonice
- 37 - Concrete water reservoir, 15x15 m., 4 m. deep
- 38 - New waterworks still under construction; a single-story building 20x15 m.

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